Amendments in the Air Corporation Act

*209. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the services by the private air taxi operators in the country have now been established as "illegal' as they contravened the Air Corporation Act;

(b) if so, whether the monopoly of Indian Airlines and Air India have been established vis a vis private air taxi operators;

(c) whether Government propose to make necessary amendments in the Act; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) As per existing guidelines air taxi operations in India are permitted on charter and/or non-scheduled basis, Section 18 of the Air Corporations Act makes it unlawful for any one other than the Corporations or their associates to operate any scheduled air transport service, except in certain circumstances provided for in the Act.

(c) and (d) A bill to repeal the Air Corporations Act has been introduced in the Lok Sabha on 4.5.1992.

Strike Call by Bank Employees

*210. SHRI RAM NARESH YADAV:
SHRI SHANTI TYAGI:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions in Banks; Insurance Companies and Financial Institutions has given a call for a general strike on May 11 and 12 in support of their demands;

(b) if so, what are the demands of the proposed strike; and

(c) whether Government have tried or would try for a negotiated settlement of the issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (c) The Joint Action Committee of Trade Unions in Banks, Insurance and Financial Institutions comprising, among others, All India Bank Officers Confederation (AIBOC), National Confederation of Bank Employees (NCBE), Bank Employees Federation of India (DEFI) and All India Reserve Bank Employees Association (AIRBEA) had given a call for a general strike on May 11 and 12 in support of the following main demands :—

(i) Introduction of pension as 3rd retiral benefit;

(ii) Early wage revision;

(iii) Bonus to all employees; and

(iv) Withdrawal of alleged move for privatisation.

The IBA has intimated that the Joint Action Committee has since called off the strike and their representatives will be attending the bipartite negotiations to be held on 20th and 21st May, 1993.

Construction of Tourism related projects in Rajasthan

*211. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that very little progress has been made for construction of tourist accommodation